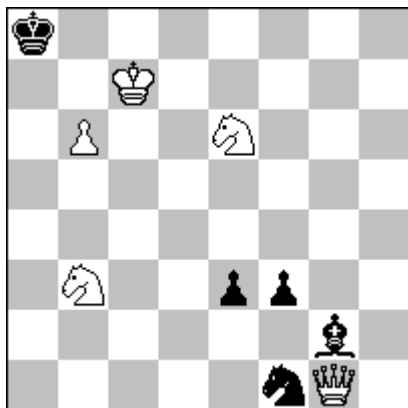


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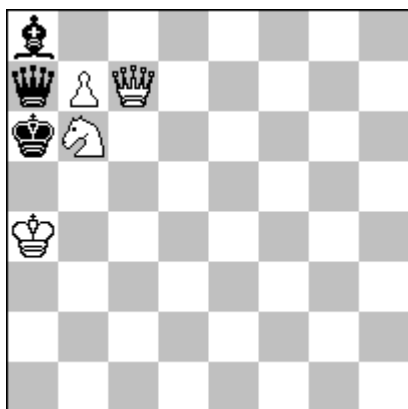
Mate in 2

P. H. Williams

Reading Observer 1911

1.Nd2! (5 points)

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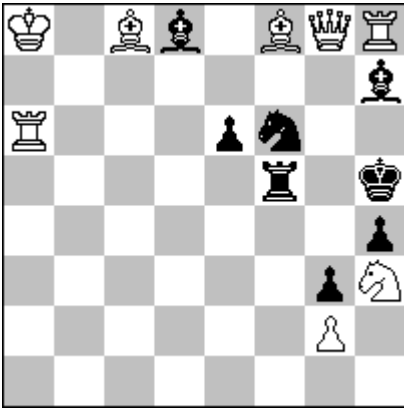
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Kenan Velikhanov

1st Prize, 21st theme tourney, *Problemist Ukrainy* 2018

1.Nc4! (5 points) (not 1.Qc6? Qxb7!)

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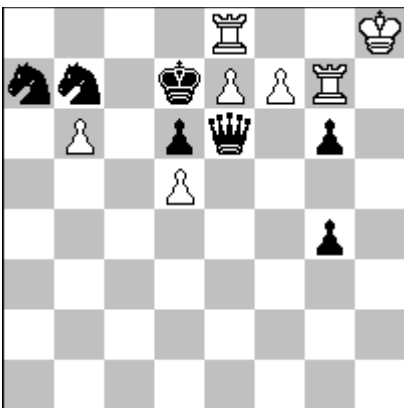


Mate in 2

Barry Barnes
1st Prize, *The Problemist* 1967

1.Qxe6! (5 points)
(threat 2.Qxf5)

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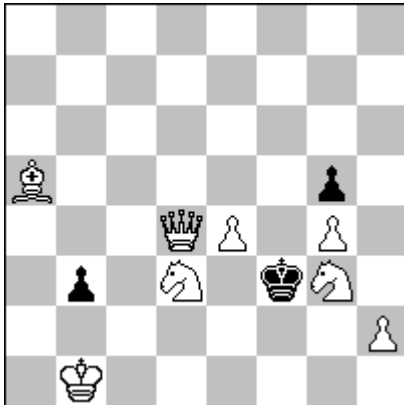


Mate in 2

Kenneth S. Howard
Skakbladet 1934

1.Rb8! (5 points)
(threat 2.f8=N)

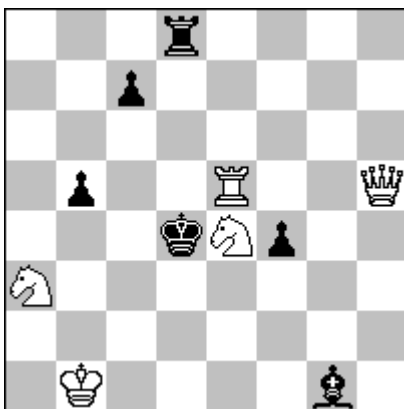
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Mate in 3
Gilbert Dobbs
Chess Review 1933

- 1.Qh8!** (zugzwang) (1.25 points)
1...Ke3 2.Qb2 (1.25 points) (2...Kxd3 3.Qc3; 2...Kf3 3.Qe2)
1...Kg2 2.Ne1+ (1.25 points) (2...Kg1 3.Bb6; 2...Kf2 3.Qd4)
1...b2 2.Bb6 (1.25 points) (2...Kg2 3.Ne1; 2...Kxg4 3.Qh5)

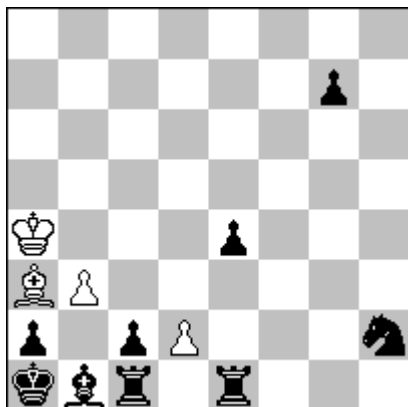
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Mate in 3
Karl Junker
1st Place, Westfalen -v- Berlin 1957

- 1.Re6!; threat 2.Qd1+** (2...Kd3 3.Nc2) (2 points)
1...f3 2.Qg5 (2...Be3 3.Qxd8) (1.5 points)
1...Ke3 2.Nc2+ (2...Kd3 3.Qxb5) (1.5 points)

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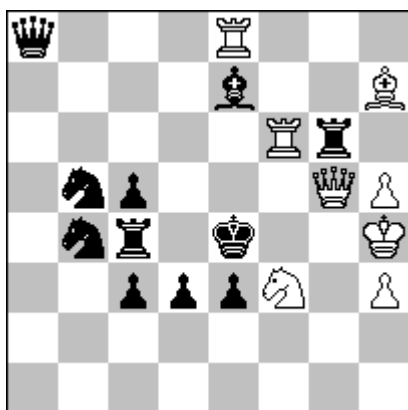
Mate in 4

Friedrich Palitzsch

Deutsche Wochenschach 1914

1.Bf8 Rg1 2.Bc5 Nf3 3.Bb4 (and 4.Bc3) (5 points)

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Selfmate in 2

Kurt Muellner

8th Place, World Chess Composing Tourney 1972-75

1.Ne1 (threat 2.Qe5+ 2...Kxe5]) (1 point)

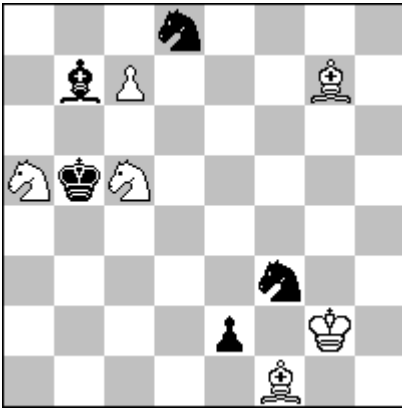
1...Nc6 2.Qd5+ (1 point)

1...Qd5 2.Qxe3+ (1 point)

1...Qb8 2.Rf4+ (1 point)

1...Nd4 2.Qf5+ (1 point)

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Helpmate in 2

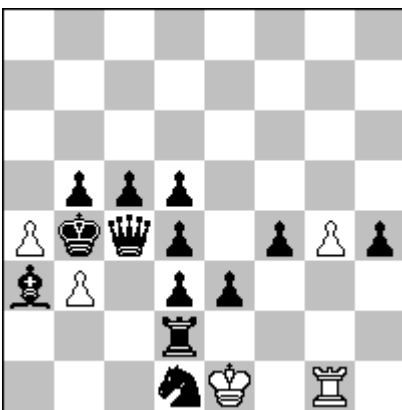
D. Fleming

4th Prize, *The Problemist* 2011

1.Kxc5 cxd8=Q 2.e1=B Bf8 (2.5 points)

1.Kxa5 c8=N 2.e1=R Bc3 (2.5 points)

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Helpmate in 4

Fadil Abdurahmanovic and Zlatko Mihajloski

(dedicated to b.ellinghoven – 64)

3rd Prize, *Die Schwalbe* 2017

1.Rh2 Rg2 2.Qc1 Rc2 3.Rd2 Rxc5 4.Qc3 Rxb5 (5 points)

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